

March 14, 2007

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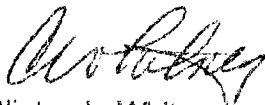
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The only effective way to impact a British Columbia decision to permit mining in the Flathead Basin is to demonstrate factually the environmental and economic impacts of such decisions and mobilize public opinion and local, state and federal political officials against the BC policy and projects. Your Committee can take the first important step in this process by funding the Flathead Basin Commission's work.

I respectfully ask that you approve HB 7.

Respectfully,



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Subject :

Please support Senator Barkus' recommendation that HB 7 include \$300,000 for the Flathead Basin Commission's transboundary assessment work.

Sincerely,

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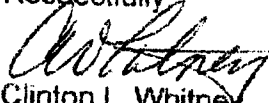
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I support the amendment that Senator Barkus has proposed to HB7 that would include \$300,000. for the Flathead Basin Commission's transboundary work.

With the recent support from the Bush Administration the State Department is not involved and the request for the International Joint Commission to investigate the Cline Mine proposal makes it imperative that Montana meet its obligation and fund the Flathead Basin Commission so it continue its mission as mandated by the Legislature.

I would ask that the Committee rise above the unusual political situation that it is has to face this session and fund the Flathead Basin with this amendment to HB7.

I was impressed when I came to the presentation before committee of the first bill that by Representative Doug Cordier that members of the Appropriations Committee viewed the Flathead Basin Commission request with the commendable note to rise above a recent political moment.

Thank you for your time, effort and patience at this time.
Respectfully,



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